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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7512

BILL NUMBER: SB 566

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 2, 2005

BILL AMENDED: Feb 1, 2005

SUBJECT: Medical Informatics Commission.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Dillon

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes the Medical Informatics Commission. It requires the Commission to conduct a study or contract for a study to be conducted on health care information and communication technology. It appropriates to the Commission an amount sufficient to contract for the performance of the study.

The bill also requires the Commission to provide biannual reports and a final report to the General Assembly concerning a plan and recommendations on the creation, implementation, and maintenance of a health care information and communication technology system. The bill requires the Commission to hold a public hearing before providing the final report to the General Assembly.

The bill also requires the State Department of Health to provide staff for and pay the expenses of the Commission.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The 14-member Medical Informatics Commission established by the bill would conduct or contract for a study of health care information and communication technology in Indiana. Commission members who are not state employees would be entitled to a salary per diem, which is currently \$50. Both state employees and lay members would be entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses. The State Department of Health provides administrative support to the Commission and should be able to cover any additional administrative costs related to administrative support within the Department's existing resources. The total cost for meetings of the Commission would depend on the number of meetings, the location, and the

number of members attending.

The Commission would establish a plan for the creation of a uniform statewide health care information and communication technology system including a plan for developing and implementing a health care information infrastructure.

The bill provides for the Commission to conduct or contract for a study of health care information and communication technology in Indiana and appropriates funds for the study beginning July 1, 2005, and ending November 1, 2006, if alternative funding is not found. It is estimated that a study could cost between \$10,000 and \$400,000 depending on the contractor selected and the complexity of the study. The bill specifies that the Commission may investigate the feasibility of obtaining a governmental or private grant to assist with the cost. Otherwise, these costs would be appropriated from the state General Fund.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Indiana State Department of Health.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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